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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the obstacles in not implementing the order of the Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal;

(b) whether the Government proposes to implement the orders of the Tribunal by according it the status of an order of the Supreme Court; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) passed an Order on 25th June, 1991 giving interim relief to the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry. The Central Government published the aforesaid Order of the Tribunal on 10th December, 1991 in the Official Gazette. The said Order is, therefore, now binding on the parties to the dispute and is required to be given effect to by them. The Award requires the State of Karnataka to release water so as to ensure availability of 205 TMC in Mettur in a water year. This has been ensured in 9 years out of last 14 years. For managing water supplies in years when the monsoon situation is not satisfactory, the Monitoring Committee of Cauvery River Authority has made efforts for evolving a formula to share the waters during a distress situation. However, so far no agreed formula has been evolved.

The Central Government in 2002 amended the ISWD Act, 1956 whereby the said Act is now the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956. Sub-section 2 of Section 6 of the ISRWD Act, 1956 stipulates that the decision of the Tribunal after its publication in the Official Gazette by the Central Government shall have the same force as an order or decree of the Supreme Court.